

New to Traumatic Brain Injury? New to South Carolina?

If you or a family member has impairments as a result of a traumatic brain injury, you should know about the following resources. This is not an exhaustive list of resources in South Carolina, but includes those that are vital when first seeking information about public resources.

The **Brain Injury Alliance of South Carolina** offers TBI information and resources, support groups, prevention materials, awareness events, statewide conferences and workshops for individuals with TBI, caregivers and the general public.

Toll Free: 1- (877) 824-3228; www.biausa.org/SC

If you can't afford to pay for medical care, **Medicaid** can assist financially eligible people to get care from approved providers who accept Medicaid. A person must apply for Medicaid at the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. An electronic application is available on the website.

Toll Free: 1- (888) 549-0820; www.dhhs.state.sc.us

Medicare is a health insurance program for people age 65 and over, people under the age of 65 with certain disabilities, and people of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease.

Toll Free: 1- (800) 633-4227; www.medicare.gov

For financial assistance, the **Social Security Administration** provides applications for Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income.

Toll Free: 1- (800) 772-1213; www.socialsecurity.gov

The **SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department** provides rehabilitation services for people with disabilities leading to competitive employment. The agency also serves eligible school-age individuals in an effort to support their transition into the competitive work environment. The Brain Injury Program provides services to identify barriers to employment and develop behavior and compensatory strategies to improve their work-related performance.

Toll Free: 1- (800) 832-7526; www.scvrd.net

The **SC Department of Education, Office of Exceptional Children**, ensures that all children with disabilities in the State have a free and appropriate public education, protects the rights of these children and their parents, and provides leadership to school districts and state-operated programs in the provision of appropriate special educational services.

Main Number 1- (803) 734-8224; <http://ed.sc.gov/agency/offices/ec/>

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities provides a variety of assistance for people with disabilities who feel their rights are violated or are having difficulty accessing services.

Toll Free: 1- (866) 275-7273; www.protectionandadvocacy-sc.org

The **SC Department of Mental Health** provides a full range of community and inpatient services to citizens of all ages who have emotional or psychiatric problems.

Toll Free: 1- (800) 763-1024; www.state.sc.us/dmh

The **SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Head and Spinal Cord Injury Division**, offers information and referral, service coordination to directly assist an individual in accessing all appropriate public and private resources, and an array of services and supports.

Toll Free: 1- (888) 376-4636; www.state.sc.us/ddsn

Community Long Term Care offers programs to help individuals who want to live at home, need assistance with their care, and are financially eligible for Medicaid.

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